Agreement for purchase of aircrafts

†1335. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

(a) the status of agreement signed by Air India and Indian Airlines for purchase of new aeroplanes;

(b) by when Air India and Indian Airlines will get the Airbus and Boeing aircrafts for which purchase agreement has been signed and the reasons for the delay; and

(c) the number of aircrafts with Indian Airlines and Air India at present, the number of airworthy aircrafts out of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Air India has signed a purchase agreement with Boeing Company on 30th December, 2005 for purchase of 68 aircraft comprising 8XB777-200LR, 15X B777-300ER and 27XB787-8 all powered with GE engines for Air India and 18X B737-800W all powered with CFM engines for Air India Charters Limited (a subsidiary of Air India). The delivery of 50 Aircraft to Air India Limited is scheduled between February, 2007 and February, 2012 and for 18 aircraft to Air India Charters Limited between November, 2006 and October, 2009. The first aircraft has been delivered on 30.11.2006.

Similarly, Indian Airlines has also signed an agreement with Airbus Industries and CFM International on 20th February, 2006 for procurement of 43 Airbus aircraft, comprising 19 A-319, 4 A-320 and 20 A 321 all fitted with CFM engines. The delivery period of these aircraft is scheduled between October, 2006 to March, 2010 and the first aircraft has been delivered on 19.10.2006.

(c) At present, Air India has 36 aircraft while Indian Airlines (including Alliance Air) has 74 aircraft, including leased aircraft. All the aircraft in the fleet, both owned and taken on dry lease, are airworthy.

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